



TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

DOCKET NO.

97-00309

IN RE:

**BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long
Distance (InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to
Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996**

DATE:

May 24, 2002

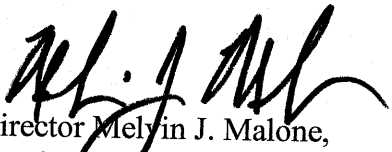
On April 26, 2002, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submitted its third Section 271 filing with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority"). Parties in this proceeding are in the process of conducting discovery on BellSouth's latest 271 filing pursuant to a May 8, 2002, Notice of the Authority. On May 15, 2002, BellSouth notified the Authority by letter "of its intent to file its 271 application with the Federal Communications Commission . . . for authority to provide interLATA services in Tennessee no sooner than 90 days from the date of this letter."

In light of BellSouth's 90-day notice, the discovery schedule is hereby modified, and responses to discovery requests are now due on or before 2:00 p.m., June 11, 2002. Parties of record, with their respective technical representatives and persons with decision making authority, are hereby directed to meet and discuss, in good faith, whether any 271 issues have been or can be resolved by agreement of the parties or are otherwise no longer contested. Any settlements or stipulations of fact arising therefrom shall be jointly filed with the Authority on or before 2:00 p.m., June 25, 2002. The June 25, 2002, joint filing shall contain, among other things, the dates and duration of such discussions and a listing of those present. Further, parties of record are directed to submit issues lists on or before 2:00 p.m., June 28, 2002.

Pre-filed direct and/or rebuttal testimony of the intervenors shall be filed on or before 2:00 p.m., July 9, 2002. If the intervenors submit pre-filed direct testimony, BellSouth shall file its pre-filed rebuttal testimony thereto on or before 2:00 p.m., July 18, 2002. The parties shall submit a joint witness list and a joint matrix, listing the issues and the positions of the parties, on or before 2:00 p.m., July 30, 2002.

The parties are hereby directed to reserve August 5-9, 2002, for hearing. Any objections to the proposed hearing dates shall be filed with the Authority on or before 2:00 p.m., June 6, 2002.

FOR THE AUTHORITY


Director Melvin J. Malone,
Hearing Officer

cc: Official Docket File
Parties of Record